



October 2023

Ey Swayel Families,

October is Cancer Awareness Month and Foster Family Awareness Month

It's hard to believe that we are in the month of October!

Many exciting things have already happened at school in September... we had our Welcome Back BBQ, cross country team and soccer teams started, peer leaders have been trained on a variety of jobs, our Division 3 to 10 students went to Greendale Acres (thank you PAC for supporting this) and we made a promise of making every child feel like they matter as part of our call to action for **Truth and Reconciliation**.

October promises to be another month of engaging learning and activities. Division 1 and 2 will be going to Greendale Acres on October 18. Thank you to the PAC for supporting these field trips so that all classes can participate.

Our outdoor learning is in full swing! We are building resilient learners who have grit and self-regulation! We are lucky to have such an amazing staff team at our school!



Qwiqwoyels (orange) Shirt Day – as a school, we learned about Truth and Reconciliation through classroom activities but also through a very powerful assembly led by Ms. Julian. Our guest drummers, singers and speakers Tyneshia Commodore (from The 'wa:li) & Dominic Lockerby – Greene (from Sq'ewqí:l) opened our assembly. Dominic left words with us that inspired love and hope. Each student and staff member were gifted a cedar paddle which we took down to the water to dip in. Ms. Julian taught us that water is purifying and healing. Our paddles signified all of us pulling in the same direction when it comes to Truth and Reconciliation.



artist: Jason Roberts On October 6th, every school district staff member will participate in professional development where we will collectively learn more about Truth and Reconciliation.

News from the library...



Book Fair!!

October 17 and October 18.

Oct. 17 will run from 2:00-4:00 and

October 18 will run from 2:00-6:00.

Mrs. Knodel will need lots of volunteers on Oct. 16, 17, and 18.

Parents can email jodi_knodel@sd33.bc.ca

directly to help, or watch for PAC sign up coming out.

Safety Reminders:



Please remember that our bus loop is one-way. Do not enter from the entrance closest to the school as that is the exit.

Please do not park in the Staff Parking area unless you have mobility challenges and need to park close to the school for accessibility to the entry and exit.



Check out the programs being offered at CLCSA!

There are many after school programs running for kids, teens and adults. Check out [@clcsa on Instagram](#) to find out more or email clcsacultuslake@gmail.com.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES



If you have not yet paid for school supplies, please send either cash or cheque to your child's teacher. If you need support with school supply fees, please email Mrs. Wallace.



PAC Executive

Chair – Kate Fitzner

Vice Chair – Ryan Lees

Treasurer – Jennifer Holm

Secretary – Marisa Topp

DPAC Representative – Sher Grater

CLCSA PAC Representative – Tia Gramuglia

Yearbook Committee – Chrysta Huntley

Hot Lunch – Jennifer Holm

You can reach the PAC at: cultus-pac@sd33.bc.ca

The next PAC meeting is October 24th at 6 pm in the library.

Or via Zoom: <https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/67693034460>

Parent Volunteers – we love to have parents volunteer in our school! If you are interested, please connect with your child's teacher and don't forget to pick up a Police Information Check (PIC) at the office as this is required to volunteer in the school.



School Sports – we are fortunate to have many staff members willing to volunteer their time so that our students have opportunities to be involved in after school sports.

Cross Country – Ms. Hnatiw and Ms. Pollock

Soccer – Mrs. Beesley and Mr. Allen

October

Mon. Oct. 2	Truth and Reconciliation Day – no school
Fri. Oct. 6	Non-Instructional Day # 1 (District Professional Development)
Mon. Oct. 9	Thanksgiving Day
Fri. Oct. 13	Terry Fox Run
Mon. Oct. 16	Photo Day
Wed. Oct. 18	Ms. McAuliffe and Mrs. Beesley to Greendale Acres
Wed. Oct. 18	Communicating Student Learning Conferences with Families (3:00 – 6:00)
Thurs. Oct. 19	Early Dismissal #1 (10:59)
Fri. Oct. 20	Non-Instructional Day #2 (Provincial)
Tues. Oct. 24	PAC Meeting (6:00) https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/67693034460
Fri. Oct. 27	PAC Halloween Event (5:30 – 7:00)
Tues. Oct. 31	Halloween Parade - Orange & Black or Costumes